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AMENDMENT B

Sir:

This letter is in response to Office Action mailed December 3, 2002. Please amend the identified application as follows:

E.CLAIMS:

amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An electric discharge laser apparatus including a tangential famolising: above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

comprising:

A) a laser chamber comprising:

- 1) a laser gas,
- at least two longitudinal electrodes for producing to electric 2) discharges defining a discharge region in said gas,
- 3) a tangential fan for circulating said laser gas said fan defining a rotation axis and a circumference corresponding to a blade